

Joint Protocol

- The Joint Protocol is an agreement that establishes the roles and responsibilities of different agencies towards homeless 16 and 17 year olds and promotes effective partnership working to meet the individual's needs.
- The service is for young people who are homeless or threatened with homelessness and are 16 and 17 year olds who are not Care Leavers.
- When a young person presents to Housing Solutions an Initial Assessment form will be completed to gather background information and any ongoing issues/concerns.
- If the young person has nowhere to sleep that night, temporary accommodation will be arranged.
- If the issues have not been resolved and the young person is still at risk of homelessness then a panel meeting will be called within 3-5 days, these will include agencies involved with the young person, the young person themselves, their parent or guardian and staff from Housing Solutions, Children and Young People Service and other organisations who are able to offer help and support.
- The panel meeting is an opportunity to look at why a young person is homeless and seeks to support the young person accommodation is accessible in the future.

If you think you would benefit from a Joint Protocol Assessment or for further information please contact your local Housing Solutions Service.